GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1461
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2015
Food Scams
Chaudhary Shri P.P.

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether scams involving public Distribution System foodgrains including wheat have been reported from different States during the last three years;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard indicating the number of cases reported, State-wise;
(c) whether the employees/officers held responsible for the said scams/irregularities continue to serve in the department despite the enquiry pending against them, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(d) whether the Government is contemplating to give voluntary retirement to such employees/officers to post them in other departments and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) to (d): There have been reports about irregularities in implementation of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in certain regions/States in the country. TPDS is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments wherein operational responsibilities for allocation of foodgrains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to them and supervision over and monitoring of functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPSs), etc. rest with the concerned State/UT Governments. Therefore, as and when complaints are received by the Government from individuals and organizations as well as through press reports, they are sent to State/UT Governments concerned for inquiry and appropriate action. A statement indicating State-wise number of complaints on TPDS received in the department from 2012 to 2015 (upto October, 2015) is at Annex-I.
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The Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001 notified on 31.08.2001 mandates the State/UT Governments to carry out all required action to ensure smooth functioning of TPDS. Under the said Order, the State/UT Governments are responsible for implementing TPDS and are competent to take action against those indulging in malpractices in TPDS by invoking provisions of clauses 8 & 9 of the said Order. The PDS (C) Order, 2001 has been superseded by the TPDS (C) Order, 2015 notified on 20.03.2015 in consonance with NFSA, 2013. The provisions of the PDS (C) Order, 2001 shall be effective in States/UTs which have not implemented the NFSA or are implementing it only in part. An offence committed in violation of the provisions of these Orders is liable for penal action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Thus, both the Orders empower State/UT Governments to take punitive action in case of contravention of relevant provisions of these Orders. State/UT-wise details regarding action taken under clauses 8 & 9 of the PDS (Control) Order, 2001 during the last three years and current year is at Annex -II.
As already mentioned, the operational responsibilities of implementation of TPDS within the State including action to be taken against the defaulters including the State Government officials/officers rest with the concerned State/UT Government. Therefore, the information/details of employees / officers continuing to serve in the State Government Departments despite enquiries pending against them, contemplation of giving voluntary retirements to them etc., is not maintained in this Department.
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ANNEXURE-I
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1461 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08.12.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA
STATEMENT: COMPLAINTS ON TPDS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT FROM INDIVIDUALS, ORGANISATIONS & THROUGH MEDIA REPORTS ETC FROM 2012 TO 2015 (upto 30.10.2015)
S. No.
State/UT
2012
2013
2014
2015
1
Andhra Pradesh
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3
4
7
2
Arunachal Pradesh
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1
1
3
Assam
1
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5
31
4
Bihar
14
32
55
98
5
Chhattisgarh
1
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3
6
6
Delhi
22
37
78
99
7
Goa
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-
8
Gujarat
3
4
16
8
9
Haryana
5
11
26
28
10
Himachal Pradesh
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11
J&K
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12
Jharkhand
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16
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13
Karnataka
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13
14
Kerala
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14
15
Madhya Pradesh
6
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16
Maharashtra
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25
40
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Manipur
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6
18
Meghalaya
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19
Mizoram
1
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20
Nagaland
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21
Orissa
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22
Punjab
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Rajasthan
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31
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Sikkim
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25
Tamil Nadu
4
9
7
17
26
Telangana

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10
27
Uttarakhand
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20
28
Uttar Pradesh
72
92
137
152
29
West Bengal
2
7
11
23
30
Chandigarh
-
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3
6
31
D& N Haveli
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1
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32
Puducherry
1
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TOTAL
171
282
460
682
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ANNEX -II
ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1461 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08.12.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA
(As compiled 30.06.2015)
Statement showing results of action taken by the State/UT Governments under Clauses 8 & 9 of the PDS (Control) Order, 2001 from January 2012 to June, 2015.
Sl.
No.
Name of the State/UT
Year
Number of inspections
Number of raids conducted
Number of persons arrested/
prosecuted/
convicted
Number of FPS
Licenses suspended/
Cancelled/
Show cause notices issued/FIR
lodged
1
Andhra Pradesh
2012
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Assam
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258
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501
162
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14
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Bihar
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10358
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32698
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3984
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Chhattisgarh
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253
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104
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244
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Delhi
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Goa
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334
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23
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403
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52
2014
357
27

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57
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63
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8
Gujarat
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15637
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45
209
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13911
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87
310
2014
8887
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243
2015
2436
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Haryana
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No.
Name of the State/UT
Year
Number of inspections
Number of raids conducted
Number of persons arrested/
prosecuted/
convicted
Number of FPS
Licenses suspended/
Cancelled/
Show cause notices issued/FIR lodged
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Jammu & Kashmir
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Karnataka
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71613
444

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2014
39239
424
196
263
2015
19283
243
44
147
14
Kerala
2012
110840
6760
02
127
2013
83493
15683
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139
2014
92638
22427
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115
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Madhya Pradesh
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97846
16910
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2323
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Mizoram
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338
223
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2013
204
107
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242
147
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Nagaland
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Odisha
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prosecuted/
convicted
Number of FPS

Licenses suspended/
Cancelled/
Show cause notices issued/FIR lodged
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9843
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Uttarakhand
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Uttar Pradesh
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5302
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9220
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West Bengal

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15436
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D&N Haveli
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Licenses suspended/
Cancelled/
Show cause notices issued/FIR lodged
2015
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35
Puducherry
2012
385
770
161
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2013
1026
520
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01
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2206
670
13
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2015
511
175
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Total
2012
689891
89415
4137
21830
2013
714220
61711
3052
15310
2014
415258
33158
593
4443
2015
34147
614
51
888
Grand Total= 2012+2013+2014+2015
1853516
184898
7833
42471
* Information not provided
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